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Extension of the first country cooperation framework for the Solomon Islands

Note by the Administrator

Period of extension:
1 January 2002 through 31 December 2002

I. Background and justification

1. At its third regular session 1997, the Executive Board approved the first country cooperation framework (CCF) for the Solomon Islands, for the period 1997 to 2001. Owing to recent political events, delivery targets could not be fully achieved; this also had an impact on the timely formulation of the second CCF. A one-year extension of the first CCF has been requested, to enable the formulation of the second CCF within the context of the United Nation Development Assistance Framework and to synchronize the programme period of the second CCF with the programming cycles of other United Nations agencies in the country.

2. In the first CCF, two major thematic areas for UNDP intervention were identified: (a) promotion of employment and sustainable livelihoods; and (b) increased capacity of vulnerable and disadvantaged groups, including women, to participate in national development. The two thematic areas of the first CCF remain largely valid. However, the ethnic tension between Guadalcanal and Malaita, which intensified into a major conflict in 2000, subsequently led to adoption of the Solomon Islands Peace Process and Peace Building Programme. The mid-term review carried out in 2000 recommended that the programme for the Solomon Islands fully take into account the political crisis that led to the promotion of a peace-building programme. The UNDP peace-building strategy emphasizes that UNDP should direct itself towards helping the Solomon Islands address the underlying issues behind the ethnic tensions, and forge a national consensus on root causes and required actions. With this in mind, a strategic alliance with other development partners for joint peace-building initiatives and programme coordination and collaboration will be developed.

II. Objectives

3. In the second CCF, UNDP will continue to build on the achievements of the existing projects, including the Solomon Islands Development Administration and Participatory Planning Programme, Monitoring and Planning for Vulnerable Groups, Sustainable

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Livelihoods and Employment Generation, and microfinancing projects. UNDP will also concentrate on areas of comparative advantage in the promotion of employment and sustainable livelihoods, and assist the Government of the Solomon Islands in capacity-building programmes. Significant progress has been made towards the demobilization of and support to ex-combatants and other vulnerable groups, through UNDP-supported projects. Building on the achievements of these projects, a more comprehensive programme on support to community reconciliation and reintegration has since been developed, aimed at the promotion of a smooth transition of ex-combatants into the normalcy of civilian life.

III. Recommendation

4. The Administrator wishes to inform the Executive Board that he has approved the extension of the first country cooperation framework for the Solomon Islands for a period of one year, 1 January 2002 through 31 December 2002.

Annex

Resource mobilization target table for the Solomon Islands (1997-2002)

Source	*Amount (In thousands of United States dollars)*	*Comments*
UNDP regular resources		
Estimated IPF carry-over	3 048	Includes AOS.
TRAC 1.1.1	1 400	Assigned immediately to country.
TRAC 1.1.2	0 to 66.7 per cent of TRAC 1.1.1	This range of percentages is presented for initial planning purposes only. The actual assignment will depend on the availability of high-quality programmes. Any increase in the range of percentages would also be subject to availability of resources.
TRAC 1.1.3	398	
SPPD/STS	175	
Subtotal	**5 021** [a]	
UNDP other resources		
Government cost-sharing	20	
Third party cost-sharing	0	
Funds, trust funds and other	274	
of which:		
GEF	150	
Arms Trust Fund	124	
Subtotal	**294**	
Grand total	**5 315**[a]	

[a] Not inclusive of TRAC 1.1.2, which is allocated regionally for subsequent country application.

Abbreviations: AOS = administrative and operational services; GEF = Global Environmental Facility; IPF = indicative planning figure; SPPD = support for policy and programme development; STS = support for technical services; and TRAC = target for resource assignment from the core.